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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ejzak et al. (6,039,883).

Regarding claim 1, Ejzak discloses a mobile communication system (See fig. 1) comprising: a mobile terminal 1.1, 1.2 capable of designating a communication quality (high data rate communications) in requesting communication; a radio base station 1 connected to the mobile terminal 1.1, 1.2 through a radio channel; a radio network controller 190 connected to the radio base station 1 to control the communication quality

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between the mobile station 1.1, 1.2 and the radio base station 1, wherein the radio network controller 190 comprises a communication request reception determination unit, upon receiving a communication request which designates the communication quality from the mobile terminal, determining whether the received communication request is to be received, on the basis of a communication quality QoS (Quality of Service) provided to communication which requests without communication quality (voice communications), wherein the communication quality QoS is based on an error rate (See col. 3 lines 61-63) in the radio channel between the mobile terminal 1.1, 1.2 and the radio base station 1 (See figs. 1, 4, 6-7 and col. 3 line 61 to col. 4 line 3, col. 9 line 22 to col. 11 line 19).

Regarding claims 2-3, Ejzak discloses as cited in claim 1. Ejzak further discloses the communication request reception determination unit further comprises: inquiry means for, upon receiving the communication request which designates the communication quality, inquiring of a communication quality measurement unit of the communication quality provided to communication which requests without communication quality, and the communication quality measurement unit measures the communication quality and outputs the communication quality; a comparison means for, upon receiving the communication request which designates the communication quality, comparing the measured communication quality with a predetermined threshold value; bandwidth setting means for resetting an allowable communication bandwidth on the basis of a comparison result from the comparison means; and determination means for determining whether the communication request is to be received, on the basis of a

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bandwidth required by the received communication request and the allowable communication bandwidth reset by the bandwidth setting means (See figs. 1, 4, 6-7 and col. 3 lines 51-55, col. 9 line 22 to col. 11 line 19).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Chuah (6,377,548); Zicker et al. (5,832,378); Dokko (2001/0004599); Downing et al. (6,373,855); Hluchyj et al. (5,432,790); Hayano et al. (5,132,966); Turcotte et al. (6,181,684); Marin et al. (6,222,824); Kawakami et al. (6,560,231); Natarajan (5,826,169); Cave (6,631,269); Shoji et al. (2003/0003960); Cave (2004/0033807); Olofsson et al. (6,647,265); Oliva (6,459,681); Beming et al. (5,740,537); Yin et al. (5,982,748); Uebayashi et al. (2003/0198205).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims

Regarding claim 7, Ejzak discloses as cited in claim 2. However, Ejzak does not mention that when the measured communication quality Q is higher than the first threshold Q_H , the bandwidth setting means increases the allowable communication

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bandwidth by a first predetermined value to reset a new allowable communication bandwidth, and when the measured communication quality Q is lower than the second threshold Q_L ($Q_L < Q_H$), the bandwidth setting means decreases the allowable communication bandwidth by a second predetermined value to reset a new allowable communication bandwidth.

3. Claims 4-6 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 4-6, the closest prior art to the claimed subject matters is Ejzak. Ejzak discloses as cited in claims 1-2. However, Ejzak does not mention that when the measured communication quality Q is higher than the first threshold Q_H , the bandwidth setting means increases the allowable communication bandwidth by a first predetermined value to reset a new allowable communication bandwidth, and when the measured communication quality Q is lower than the second threshold Q_L ($Q_L < Q_H$), the bandwidth setting means decreases the allowable communication bandwidth by a second predetermined value to reset a new allowable communication bandwidth.


Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571)272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Quochien Vong can be reached on (571)272-7902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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